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For: ALPHA CHANNEL FILTER

RESPONSE

To the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 7, 2004, kindly amend the above identified application as follows:

Kindly enter and approve the following, which is a clean copy of each replacement paragraph, section, and/or claim incorporating the respective changes made, previously as well as concurrently.

No new matter has been added by the amendment(s).

In the Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments:

I have invented a new class of image processing filters that use values from an alpha channel image when calculating the resultant processed image ~~when calculating the resultant processed image~~, as opposed to standard image processing filters that simply use values from the primary image to produce their result. (Page 6 Lines 22-25, Page 7 Lines 1-2)